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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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SUBJECT: Elimination of SRDs and the Appointment of Election Registration Officials

As required by 2015 Wisconsin Act 295, today's launch of the MyVote Online Voter Registration system eliminates the role of Special Registration Deputies in registering voters in Wisconsin. As we communicated earlier, starting today SRDs may no longer sign voter registration applications verifying proof of residence.

Municipal clerks may appoint Election Registration Officials (EROs) to register voters in three locations: at the polling place on Election Day, in the clerk's office during in-person absentee voting (ending at 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election) and at residential care facilities and retirement homes during open registration.

Clerks who wish to use an existing SRD to register voters in one of the above locations must appoint the SRD as an Election Registration Official. EROs must receive training and take an oath of office, although training completed as an SRD may satisfy that requirement. The current term for EROs is 2015-2017. They are not assigned numbers as were SRDs and do not have to fill out additional documentation. A training presentation has been attached to this communication on our website for clerks to use to train EROs and election inspectors to register voters.

If you have questions, please contact Allison Coakley: allison.coakley@wi.gov or (608) 261-2033. Thank you.